

PUBLIC NOTICE
Montana Visibility Plan

- 1) The Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is inviting public comment on the proposed submission of revisions to the Montana Visibility Plan for incorporation into the Montana State Implementation Plan (SIP). The Department is extending the public comment period for the proposed SIP revisions through January 17, 2012. The proposed SIP revisions were initially noticed for a 30-day public comment period on October 20, 2011. On December 2, 2011, the Department re-noticed the proposed SIP revisions (unaltered) for a subsequent 30-day public comment period due to an administrative error discovered during the initial public notice process. In response to a request received on December 27, 2011, the Department is hereby extending the public comment period for the proposed action (unaltered), as described above.
- 2) The Montana Visibility Plan addresses visibility protection control measures involving the issuance of permits to major stationary sources of air pollution and visibility monitoring of mandatory federal class I areas. The proposed revision includes a reference to Best Available Control Technology or 'BACT' as the current visibility mitigation measure for open burning administered through the Department's open burning permit program. Additional non-substantive Plan revisions include administrative updates to rule citations, board affiliation, and grammar / punctuation edits.
- 3) Any person may request public hearing on this matter. If the Department receives a request for public hearing, a public hearing on this matter will be scheduled and the time for that hearing will be announced and another 30 day time period for submitting comment will begin.
- 4) Interested persons may view the Plans on the Department's website at: <http://deg.mt.gov/pubcom.mcp> or may call the Department at 406-444-7305 to have copies made available for their inspection.
- 5) The State of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in state government proceedings. Persons needing accommodation must contact Oline Barta to advise of the nature of the accommodation needed. Please contact Ms. Barta at P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; phone (406) 444-0524; fax (406) 444-1499; or email obarta@mt.gov.
- 6) Interested parties may submit their comments concerning the proposal described above in writing to the Department by addressing them to Oline Barta, 1520 E. Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana, 59620-0901; faxing them to (406) 444-1499; or sending them via email addressed to "obarta@mt.gov."

To be guaranteed consideration, written comments must be postmarked on or before 5 p.m. January 17, 2012.